

Select one scene from *Hamlet* and consider its significance to the play as a whole.

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#### Introduction

In this essay I will consider/evaluate the significance of... (Act and scene)  
Before this scene...(briefly example what has happened before this scene)  
We have been introduced to ...(characters/themes/issues)  
This scene is essential to the plot because....  
The scene also ....  
The main theme developed/addressed in this scene is...

#### Characters

The main/principle character(s) in this scene is/are...  
The scene develops the character by...(explain how the scene changes/adds to our view of the character)  
This is shown in the lines "quote", "quote" and "quote".  
These show that....  
They reveal...(what do they show us about the character?)  
Shakespeare also ...(In what other ways does Shakespeare develop this character?)  
This is shown in...

In addition/By contrast/In comparison,(name of character) is developed by....  
This is shown in the following phrases..."quote","quote" and "quote"  
The key words are..." " and "  
They suggest that....  
They are significant because....  
These lines echo.....

#### Themes

The themes developed in the scene are....  
Shakespeare focuses our attention on them by....  
For example "quote", "quote" and "quote"  
These images/phrases/words/lines/series of actions mean....  
They intensify/develop/ add to/ the theme by....  
Later in the play the theme is....

#### Imagery

The key images that Shakespeare uses in this scene relate to...  
Examples of this are shown in ...."quote", "quote" and "quote" (you may want to refer to a piece of action here)  
The images are created by....  
They develop/suggest/emphasise/create...  
They link to....  
Shakespeare uses language to.....  
The impact these lines may have on the audience is...

#### Conclusion

The original audience would have responded to this scene by.... because....  
The overall dramatic effect of the scene is...  
The most powerful/strongest/intense aspect of the scene is.... because....  
The scene's significance to the rest of the play is....